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Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Economic Development Town Hall, 50 South Main Street, Room 312 January 10, 2018 6:30

Minutes

In attendance: Dallas Dodge, Beth Kerrigan, Ben Wenograd (phone), Chris Barnes, Liam Sweeney, Matt Hart, Mark McGovern and Todd Dumais

1. Call to Order: 6:32

Staff Reports

Matt Hart updated the committee on the State of the Town luncheon scheduled for Jan. 26th at the Delamar and the Governor's announcement regarding \$4.3 billion of transportation projects that have been postponed. Several are in West Hartford including I-84 widening, WH Rail Station, North Main Bridge rehab, Braeburn Bridge rehab and the painting of the rail bridge over New Britain Ave.

3. UCONN West Hartford Campus Property

a. Community engagement process (Attachment, pg. 2)
An outline of a proposed community engagement process was reviewed. Staff explained the approach and answered question related to contract costs, survey distribution, type and number of meetings and timeframe.

As for the public forum/workshop, it was noted that Council members need to be mindful of their future role related to zoning. Members may wish to attend the start of the session, but depart prior to topical discussions in break out groups.

Staff is targeting the survey for mid- January, meetings in February and a draft report with a Community Vision in early March.

Council members noted this process is what has been contemplated for a long time. It will make it more likely that high quality proposals will result.

The Town will need a release from UConn in order to disclose some due diligence material. UConn is aware and supportive of this community engagement.

Other
 No other business was discussed.

4. Adjournment